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E.OM 11652 N/A

TAGS: PFOR PARM UN NP

SUBJ: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

REF: STATE 026795

1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT RECENTLY DISCUSSED DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, WE NOE THAT NEPAL HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED CALL FOR UN SPECIAL SESSION SINCE 1975. WE HAVE IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT NEPAL IS AS INTERESTED IN THE MECHANICS OF SUCH A CONFERENCE AS IN THE SUBSTANCE, SINCE BY BEING A MEMBER OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, NEPAL IS ABLE TO UNDERSCORE ITS ROLE AS A MODERATE, NON-ALIGNED AND INDEPENDENT COUNTRY IN SOUTH ASIA. WE WOULD DOUBT THAT HMG WILL PLAY TOO ACTIVE A ROLE, NOR WOULD WE EXPECT IT TO PUT FORTH ANY SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS.

2. NEPAL IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REGIONAL QUESTIONS AFFECTING SOUTH ASIA AND HAS, IN THE PAST, SUPPORTED PAKISTAN'S CALL FOR A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN THE REGION AND HAS PROPOSED THAT NEPAL BE DECLARED A "ZONE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PEACE.' BOTH THESE IDEAS, HOWEVER, ARE CURRENTLY BEING DOWNPLAYED IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID IMPLICIT CRITICISM OF INDIA IN MULTILATERAL FORA. INDIA HAS COMPLAINED THAT AT THE COLOMBO SUMIT, FOR EXAMPLE, NEPAL TOOK TO OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE ZONE OF PEACE IDEA DESPITE PREVIOUS ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD LEAVE SUCH QUESTIONS FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSION. WE SUSPECT THAT A TIME WHEN NEPA IS ANXIOUS TO ACHIEVE

PROGRESS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH INDIA IT WILL BE  
SOMEWHAT MORE MUTED IN THE PROMOTION OF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE  
IN SOUTH ASIA.

3. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS IN THE PAST SOME KEY MFA OFFICIALS  
HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE PROLIFERATION OF CONVENTIONAL  
WEAPONS IN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES, BUT WE ARE UNABLE TO  
SAY AT THIS TIME TO WHAT EXTENT THIS REPRESENTS OFFICIAL  
POLICY. WE EXPECT THAT NEPAL WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE  
PREPCON ITS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN,  
S.K. UPDKHYAYA.  
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